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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Subject: Standard Operating Procedure for Preparation and Dissemination of National Estimates.

1. In order that IAC members might fulfil their individual and collective responsibilities, and that Intelligence users be provided with the concerted views of the responsible Intelligence heads, it is recommended that the following Standard Operating Procedure be adopted:


a. As a general principle, no drafts of national estimates shall be circulated, other than to the Intelligence agencies themselves, until finally and definitely acted upon by the IAC.


b. When a deadline for the distribution of an estimate is established and IAC agencies have been so advised, notification of any changes in that deadline will be transmitted expeditiously to the IAC agencies.


c. In principle and to the extent practicable, the dissent or comment of an IAC member will be given prominence equal to that of the basic estimate.


d. The above applies also to estimates or studies produced by the JAEIC.

2. It is requested that IAC members be informed of action being taken by you with respect to the above.


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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, DEPARTMENT
OF THE ARMY
DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE
DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, HEADQUARTERS,
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTELLIGENCE, THE
JOINT STAFF

SUBJECT: Standard Operating Procedure for Preparation
and Dissemination of National Estimates

REFERENCE: Memorandum from the Joint Intelligence Committee,
dated 17 April 1950, addressed to the Chairman,
Intelligence Advisory Committee, received 26 April
1950.

1. Answering the referenced memorandum, a copy of which is enclosed: The Intelligence Advisory Committee, established by NSCID 1 to advise the Director of Central Intelligence, has no supervisory powers and it has no "collective" intelligence production responsibility as confirmed by Section 5b, "Comments," Page 8 of NSC 50.

a. In accordance with DCI Directive 3/1, as a general principle no drafts of national estimates are circulated other than to the intelligence agencies themselves until finally and definitely issued with the concurrences or dissents of the members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee. However, when considered advantageous or advisable by the Director of Central Intelligence, some very limited dissemination has been made in the past and may be made in the future in special cases.

b. When an established deadline is changed, notification will be sent promptly to the participating agencies as well as telephoned to the participating individuals concerned. This is the current practice.

c. Dissents or comments from the members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee are handled in accordance with DCI Directive 3/2. A note on the first page refers to the concurrences or dissents, and dissents are printed in the same publication. It is felt that this presentation, to a logical and practicable extent, does give dissents equality of prominence.

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d. The estimates and studies of the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee are handled in the same way as other products of CIA producing units, except that it is a permanent, rather than an ad hoc, committee which functions under the permanent Scientific Intelligence Committee, on both of which the producing agencies have permanent members.

2. In compliance with your request, copies of this reply and of your memorandum of 17 April are being forwarded to the other members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

Sign:

R. H. HILLENKOTTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central
Intelligence

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Copy of Reference
Memorandum

cc: Special Assistant, Intelligence
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Director of Intelligence, Atomic
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